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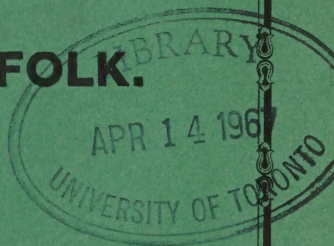
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**MONDAY, 20th June, 1864; First Day of the Second Regular Session of the 15th County Council.**

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names, viz.:—  
Messrs. The Warden, Johnson, White, Sovereign, Ostrander, Barber, Green, Hutchinson, Holtby, Matthews, Snider, Lawson and Steinhoff.

The Minutes of the last Session were read and approved.

The Warden read his address touching on the different subjects contained in the correspondence received during the recess, which together with the address were laid on the table.

**THE WARDEN'S ADDRESS.**

GENTLEMEN,—

We have now met in Council pursuant to the adjournment agreed upon at our last meeting, and it gives me much pleasure again to see you assembled.

**EQUALIZING ASSESSMENTS.**

An important portion of your duties during the present Session will be the equalization of the Assessment Rolls, and I am confident that you will give this matter your earnest consideration. It will be your duty carefully to compare the valuations of property made by the Assessors in the various Municipalities,



to lower the assessment in those Townships in which property is assessed at too high a rate, and to raise it in those in which it has been assessed too low—so that one uniform standard of valuation may be adopted, which will do equal justice to all—by consulting Sections 70 to 73 of the Assessment Law, you will find your duties very clearly defined.

In consequence of delay on the part of certain Clerks of Municipalities, in forwarding the certified copy of revised Roll, to the County Clerk, that official has not time sufficient allowed him to make the necessary examination previous to the meeting of the Council, and you will discover on examining the Rolls laid before you, that several of them are still in an imperfect state.

#### NUMBER OF ACRES IN EACH MUNICIPALITY.

In connection with the Assessment Rolls, I have discovered a strange discrepancy in looking over those on file in the office of the County Clerk. I said that with scarcely a single exception, the number of acres returned by Assessors in the different Municipalities varies from year to year, in some instances the difference being very large. Now it appears to me, that such a state of things should not longer be allowed to exist; it is a very easy matter to ascertain the exact number of acres in each Township, and the Assessment Roll should annually account for that number. I merely call your attention to this matter, leaving you to take any action upon it which you may consider advisable.

#### JOHN BLOOMFIELD.

My attention has been directed to the case of one John Bloomfield, of Towns-  
end, a pensioner upon the public bounty of the County. By an order of this Council, a monthly allowance of \$4 was ordered to be paid to the person having the charge of him, and it has been represented to me by John Boughner, Esq., (who is now in attendance,) that this allowance has been found quite inadequate for the purpose intended, and as the said John Bloomfield is now a very old man, and has spent his best days in the defence of his country, I feel that the Council will have no hesitation in increasing the grant already made, so as to insure that the closing scene in the life of this old veteran of the 19th dragoons will not be rendered unnecessarily painful by the absence of the common necessities and comforts of life.

#### DRILL SHEDS.

I have also received a communication from Capt. Tisdale, the officer in command of the Fenwick Volunteer Rifles, praying for an appropriation to assist in the erection of a drill shed. This order was fully discussed at a former meeting of this Council, and an understanding arrived at, that in the absence of any compulsory law upon the subject, that the Council would consider such application favorably. The letter will be laid before you.

#### FLAX CULTURE.

I have received a communication from Mr. John A. Donaldson, accompanied by a form of memorial addressed to the Government on the subject of flax culture, which I will lay before you for your consideration. The repeated failures in our wheat crop in this Province appears to render it desirable and expedient that

some change in our agricultural system should be adopted, and parties who have carefully and practically considered the matter, recommend the cultivation of flax as well suited to our soil and climate, and as likely to ensure a handsome profit to the cultivator. The prevailing idea that the culture of flax is more exhausting to the soil than any other crop, appears to be erroneous, and as you gentlemen are extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits, it may prove to the interests of the farmers of Norfolk, and of the Province generally, were you carefully to consider the subject, and to make such suggestions, and to take such action in the matter as you may consider desirable.

#### ADVANCEMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

During the present session of the Provincial Parliament, on a motion made by the Hon. Geo. Brown, a committee was appointed to consider the best means which could be adopted for the advancement of agriculture in this Province, and it is most gratifying to me to find that, notwithstanding the absorbing interest of party politics, that such a motion was well received, but warmly adopted by the Legislature. The committee, of which Mr. Brown is chairman, have already had several meetings, and I anticipate the most beneficial results from their labors. With a view to procure the opinions and suggestions of practical agriculturists throughout the country, a series of questions, embracing many subjects of great importance, have been prepared, and it is most desirable that every possible assistance should be rendered to the Committee, to enable them to make such a report to the House of Assembly as will assist that body in legislating for the advancement of agriculture. A copy of these enquiries will be handed to each of you, and I have no doubt but that you will agree with me in the importance and necessity of affording every information in your power with as little delay as possible. I shall forward a similar document to several of our leading farmers in this County, and hope that a prompt and intelligent response will be made by each of them.

#### MUNICIPAL RETURNS.

I have much pleasure in laying before you a copy of the municipal returns for Upper and Lower Canada, forwarded for that purpose by Mr. Langton, of the Audit office. This valuable work, compiled with great care, involving an immense amount of labor, and conveying much interesting information, is circulated in order that those interested in municipal matters may become acquainted with the form in which statistical information respecting them is desired, and also with the further object in view of securing such suggestions for the improvement of the returns as any member of this and similar Councils may see fit to make. I would suggest that this return be referred to a Special Committee, with power to take such action in the matter as to them may seem proper.

#### IMMIGRATION.

In April last I received a communication from R. H. Rae, Esq., the Government Emigration Agent at Hamilton, as to the probable number of mechanics and other laborers for which employment could be provided in this County. Having no means of arriving at such information, and no arrangement ever hav-



ing been made to provide temporary accommodation for such immigrants, until they could be forwarded to their respective destinations, I could only reply by a promise that the subject should be laid before you at your next meeting. There is no doubt that comfortable homes and good wages could be secured by large numbers, both of mechanics and laborers, in this County, and if you feel it important that an effort should be made to secure this addition to our population, you can easily ascertain in your respective Municipalities the number and description of laborers required, and a very small appropriation of the public funds would suffice for defraying all the preliminary expenses necessary to secure them. I will place Mr. Rae's letter on your table, leaving you to take such action in the matter as you may consider advisable.

#### PORT RYERSE ROAD.

Petitions addressed to this Council have been recently circulated among the ratepayers for signatures, praying for a grant of money on the road to the Harbor at Port Ryerse; and, although a small portion of the main travelled road to this Port can scarcely be considered as a County Road, yet, as the importance to this County generally of an additional safe and commodious Harbor cannot be denied, and the distance to be made is but short, I have much pleasure in recommending the subject to the favorable consideration of the Council. The Harbor Company have already expended and will still expend a large sum of money, in order to complete the improvements at Port Ryerse; and it appears to me desirable that every facility should be afforded to such of the people of this County as wish to avail themselves of this means of shipping or receiving goods or produce by this outlet.

#### HAMILTON AND PORT DOVER ROAD.

A communication has been received from the Department of Public Works, stating that the Government had determined to dispose of the Hamilton and Port Dover Road; and, being of the opinion that it was for the advantage of the Municipalities through which it passes, that the road should be the property of those Municipalities rather than to become the property of private individuals, now offer it for sale to you. For further information as to price and terms of payment, I refer you to the letter itself, which I will lay before you, merely adding that should you be inclined to become the purchasers of the whole or any part of the said road, that the present offer is only to remain open until the 15th of July next.

#### POOR HOUSES AND INDUSTRIAL FARMS.

It gave me much pleasure to observe that a Bill had been introduced into Parliament to provide for the establishment of Poor Houses in Upper Canada, and I earnestly hope that this Bill, with some amendments, may become law. On former occasions I have brought this subject under your consideration, and my experience in the administration of municipal affairs, and my connexion with the administration of justice in this County, have impressed deeply on my mind the necessity and importance of some action being taken to secure the establishment of a Poor House and Industrial Farm in every County of the Province.



Having already submitted my views to you fully upon this subject, I do not consider it necessary now to go into any argument upon the subject, but will merely request you to give this important subject your serious consideration; assuring you at the same time of my hearty co-operation in any measures which you may desire for the alleviation of the destitution and suffering which prevail among a large and steadily increasing class of our population. If the Council approve of any movement being made in the matter, a Committee might be appointed to consider the subject, and report at the next meeting of this Council.

#### THE DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND.

I have great pleasure in laying before you the semi-annual report of the Toronto School, for the instruction of the deaf, dumb and blind, forwarded to me by Mr. McGann, the principal of that institution—a gentleman whose zeal and unwearied efforts in behalf of this unfortunate class of our community, entitles him to the gratitude and admiration of every true philanthropist. The liberal action taken by this Council to provide for the education of all destitute deaf mutes in this County, has been followed by other Counties, and our appeals to the Legislature and to the Government, will, I trust, soon be crowned with success; and I now indulge in the hope that ere long we shall see a Provincial Institution erected, established and liberally endowed, for the education and protection of this afflicted portion of our fellow creatures.

#### THE NEW COURT HOUSE.

At the December Session of this Council, I laid before you a statement, showing the amount which had been then expended upon the erection of the new Court House, which you will find in your printed proceedings. Since that report I find that the further sum of \$3,798 10 has been paid to the contractors on the estimates supplied by the architect; the sum of \$105 48 to the architect; and the further sum of \$10 for printing expenses.—The only extra expenditure authorized by the Building Committee since my former report, has been a small sum for deafening the floors of the upper story of the building; sanding and painting the cornice and eaves; placing valve ventilators in the lower rooms, and an improvement in the external appearance of the tower, suggested by the architect and approved by the Building Committee. In connexion with this subject I may mention that the Building Committee have not been able to comply with the resolution passed at the last Session of this Council, requiring them to prepare an estimate of the probable cost of furnishing the new building; but I am informed that an estimate in detail will be furnished by the architect, for your information during the Session, and I hope that the Council may be enabled to take such action upon it, as will ensure the suitable furnishing of the building, by the time specified for completing the contract.

#### COUNTY JUDGE.

I regret to announce to you the continued indisposition of our much esteemed and universally respected County Judge, William Salmon, Esquire; his lengthened services, the upright, careful and conscientious manner in which he has for so many years discharged the important duties of his office, have endeared him

to the people of this County; and I feel that I am but expressing your sentiments, when I say that the Members of the County Council most respectfully tender him their sincere sympathy and condolence in his present illness, and their earnest prayers that it may please Almighty God speedily to restore him to his usual health, so as to enable him again to resume the discharge of those duties which he has for so many years performed to the satisfaction and benefit of this community.

Having nothing further at present to bring under your notice, I will now leave you to the discharge of your important duties.

No. 1: On motion of Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Hutchison,

*Ordered,*

That the following gentlemen do form the Sessional Committees for the present Session, viz.:—

ON FINANCE AND ASSESSMENT:

Messrs. The Warden, Hutchison, McCall, Barber, Lawson, Sovereign, White, and the mover.

ON ROADS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Messrs. Johnson, Steinhoff, Holtby, Snider, Green, and Ostrander.

ON EDUCATION:

Messrs. Lawson, Holtby, Green, White, and the mover.

ON EQUALIZATION OF THE ASSESSMENT.

The Members of the Council.

Mr. Barber read the Petition of James A. Townsend and others.

No. 2: On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Green,

*Ordered,*

That the petition of James A. Townsend and others be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Steinhoff read the petition of the Rev. Samuel Harris and others.

No. 3: On motion of Mr. Steinhoff, seconded by Mr. Green,

*Ordered,*

That the petition of Rev. Samuel Harris and others, praying for a grant of money, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Lawson read a communication from Nathaniel E. Low, Esq.

No. 4: On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Sovereign,

*Ordered,*

That the communication of Nathaniel E. Low, Esquire, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.



No. 5: On motion of Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Holtby,

*Ordered,*

That the Address of the Warden be referred to a Special Committee, composed as follows, viz.:—Messrs. Green, Lawson, Holtby, Sovereign, and the mover, with power to report by bill or otherwise.

No. 6: On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Holtby,

*Ordered,*

That the communication of John A. Donaldson, Esquire, relative to Flax culture, and that of R. S. Rae, Esquire, Emigrant Agent at Hamilton, be referred to a Special Committee composed of the following gentlemen, viz.:—Messrs. The Warden, Matthews, Hutchison, Barber, Green, Sovereign, and Steinhoff, with power to report thereon.

No. 7: On motion of Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Hutchison,

*Ordered,*

That this Council do now adjourn until to-morrow.

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

*Attest,*

JAMES ERMATINGER,

*County Clerk, County of Norfolk.*

***TUESDAY, 21st June, 1864; Second Day of the Second Regular Session of the 15th County Council.***

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names, viz.:—Messrs. the Warden, McCall, Johnson, White, Sovereign, Ostrander, Barber, Green, Hutchison, Holtby, Matthews, Snider, Lawson, and Steinhoff.

Mr. McCall read the petitions of John Wilson and others, and James Cutting and others, relative to the road to Port Ryerse.

No. 1: On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Sovereign,

*Ordered,*

That the petition of John Wilson and 118 others, also the petition of James Cutting and 30 others, both praying for a grant of money on the County road leading from Simcoe to Port Ryerse, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 2: On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Holtby,

*Ordered,*

That the communication of Thomas W. Walsh, Esquire, County Surveyor,

and that of Joseph Culver, Esquire, relative to the Port Dover and Boston Plank and Gravel Road, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 3: On motion of Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Holtby,

*Ordered,*

That the communication of John Turner, Architect of the new Court House, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Lawson brought up the report of the Special Committee on the Warden's Address.

No 4: On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Matthews,

*Ordered,*

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:—

“Your Committee to whom the above order was referred, beg to report, that they have carefully considered the subject matter thereof, and would beg to make the following remarks and suggestions thereon:

The equalization of the Assessment Rolls having been referred to a Committee of the whole Council, would only remark that it is desirable that some system should be adopted by which a more equal valuation could be placed upon property by the several Assessors in the minor Municipalities; and also that greater care should be exercised by them to include all lands in their several sections in the Assessment Rolls, and would suggest that the Reeves should lay the matter before the Townships Councils in order that the matter may be remedied as far as possible.

As the communication relative to Flax culture has been referred to a Special Committee, they would only add, that it is the opinion of this Committee, a more extensive introduction of Flax culture into this country would be of great importance and would add another valuable staple to its agricultural products.

As regards agriculture, your Committee believe that to a large extent the prosperity of this Province depends upon the products of the soil, that every measure calculated to aid its development should receive the hearty co-operation of this Council, and would most respectfully suggest that the printed questions referred to should be answered by the several persons to whom they are addressed, in the most practical manner possible, to assist the joint Committee of the Legislature in arriving at satisfactory conclusions, to enable the Government to frame a law which will have a tendency to promote the Agricultural interest of this Province.

The Municipal returns referred to, and a copy of which is laid on the table, contain much valuable information, and your Committee would suggest, that with a view of carrying out more fully the intentions of the compilers, that the Warden be requested to procure (if practicable) a sufficient number of copies to distribute—one to each minor Municipality.



The subject of immigration having been referred to a Special Committee, requires no remarks from us.

The subject of Poor Houses, which is of deep interest to the public, has engaged the special attention of your Committee, and they are of opinion that a more comprehensive general law should be passed by the Legislature, the copy of one now before us is inadequate for the purpose; your Committee would recommend that a Special Committee be appointed to consider the subject and make such suggestions to this Council at its next Session as to them may seem expedient; that the said Committee do consist of the following gentlemen, viz:—Messrs. The Warden, Matthews, Lawson, Sovereign, and Barber.

Your Committee feel that the Deaf, Dumb and Blind are a class who should receive the deepest sympathy of the people of this Province, and that Mr. McGann, who has devoted much time and talent in their behalf, is entitled and should receive the thanks and assistance of the community. Your Committee trusts the Government will at an early day make provision for the maintenance and education of this unfortunate class of our fellow creatures, so that in future they may not be left entirely dependent upon the uncertain action of private enterprise or charity.

Your Committee are pleased to hear that the New Court House is progressing favorably towards completion, and trust that no unforeseen circumstances will cause delay in its early completion.

Your Committee join with the Warden in the expression of regret at the continued illness of His Honour Judge Salmon, and in tendering to him our deepest sympathy, we unite in a fervent wish for his early restoration to health, and that he may be spared to occupy the position which he has so honourably filled for many years.

The communication of Captain Tisdale relative to Drill Sheds, the petition relative to the road leading to Port Ryerse, the communication of the Government relative to the Hamilton and Port Dover road, and the communication asking aid for John Bloomfield, being subjects which properly belong to the Committee on Finance and Assessment, would recommend that the same be referred to that Committee.

Your Committee cannot close their report without expressing their thanks to the Warden for his kindness in calling the attention of the Council to the several matters contained in his Address.

All of which is, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

PETER LAWSON, *Chairman*  
DANIEL MATTHEWS,  
MATTHIAS HOLTBY,  
JACOB SOVEREIGN,  
JAMES L. GREEN.

Committee Room, 21st June, 1864.

No. 5: On motion of Mr. Holthy, seconded by Mr. Matthews,

*Ordered,*

That a copy of the section in the report now read in reference to the application of His Honour William Salmon, Esquire, Judge of this County, be presented to His Honour the Judge as an expression of the sympathy of this Council.

Mr. Matthews brought up the first report of the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

No. 6: On motion of Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Barber,

*Ordered,*

That the said report be received and adopted, and that leave be granted to introduce a bill in accordance therewith on to-morrow.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz. :—

“Your Committee to whom the above order was referred, beg to report that they have carefully considered the subject matter of the same, and would respectfully recommend that the prayer of the said petitioner be so far granted, that the sum of seventy-five dollars be appropriated out of the funds of the County, to be expended on the said County line between the Townships of Townsend and Walpole, fifteen dollars of the said sum to be expended in draining the surplus water from the line between the 5th and 6th Concessions of Townsend, and the balance—sixty dollars—in ditching and grading the said Townline, opposite the 7th and 8th Concessions of Townsend.

All of which is, nevertheless, respectfully submitted,

DANIEL MATTHEWS, *Chairman*,

MOSES W. WHITE,

J. B. HUTCHISON,

PETER LAWSON,

WM. M. WILSON,

JOHN BARBER,

JACOB SOVEREEN,

S. MCCALL.

Committee Room, June 21st, 1864.

Mr. Matthews brought up the second report of the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

No. 7: On motion of Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Steinhoff,

*Ordered,*

That the said report be received and adopted, and that leave be granted to introduce a bill in accordance therewith.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz. :—

“Your Committee to whom the above order was referred, beg to report that they have carefully considered the subject matter of the same, and would respectfully recommend that the sum of sixty dollars be appropriated out of the funds of the County, to be expended in improving the hill on the Townline



between the Townships of Townsend and Woodhouse, opposite Lot No. 1 in the said Township of Townsend.

All of which is, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

DANIEL MATTHEWS, *Chairman*.  
JACOB SOVEREEN,  
MOSES W. WHITE,  
JOHN BARBER,  
WILLIAM M. WILSON,  
PETER LAWSON,  
S. McCALL.

Committee Room, 21st June, 1864.

Mr. Matthews brought up the third report of the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

No. 8: On motion of Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Lawson,

*Ordered,*

That the said report be received and adopted, and that leave be granted to introduce a bill in accordance therewith to-morrow.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz. :—

“Your Committee to whom the above reference was made, beg to report that they have carefully examined the subject matter of the same, and would respectfully recommend that the sum of \$16,50 be appropriated out of the County funds, to be expended on the County line between the Townships of Woodhouse and Walpole, being a similar amount to that appropriated by the County of Haldimand for a like purpose.”

All of which is, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

DANIEL MATTHEWS, *Chairman*,  
PETER LAWSON,  
MOSES W. WHITE,  
J. B. HUTCHISON,  
WM. M. WILSON,  
JOHN BARBER,  
JACOB SOVEREEN,  
S. McCALL.

Committee room, 21st June, 1864.

No. 9: On motion of Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Lawson,

*Ordered,*

That the matter in reference to the erection of lightning rods on the new Court House be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Sovereign reads (as commissioner to expend \$20.00) his report.

No. 10: On motion of Mr. Sovereign, seconded by Mr. White,  
*Ordered,*

That the said report be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment, to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 11: On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Hutchison,  
*Ordered,*

That this Council do now adjourn until to-morrow.

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

*Attest,*

JAMES ERMATINGER,

*County Clerk, County of Norfolk.*

**WEDNESDAY, 22nd June, 1864; Third day of the Second Regular Session of the 15th County Council.**

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names, viz:—Messrs. The Warden, McCall, Johnson, White, Sovereign, Ostrander, Barber, Green, Hutchison, Holtby, Matthews, Snider, Lawson and Steinhoff.

The minutes were read and approved.

Mr. McCall brought up the fourth report of the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

No. 1: On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Matthews,

*Ordered,*

That the said report be received and adopted.

A division was called: the motion was carried by a majority of nine.

Yeas:—Messrs. McCall, Johnson, White, Barber, Green, Hutchison, Holtby, Matthews, Lawson, and Steinhoff—10.

Nays: Mr. Snider—1.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:—

“Your Committee to whom the above reference was made, beg leave to report that they have duly considered the matter, believing in the necessity of keeping in a proper state of repair the Port Dover and Boston Plank and Gravel Road, would recommend that the following Committee be appointed, viz:—Messrs. The Warden, H. Groff, County Treasurer, and Thomas W. Walsh, County Surveyor, Daniel Matthews and Jacob Sovereign, Esquires, to take steps to secure as far as may be practicable the interest of this County by effecting a sale of the said road, and if necessary to take such steps to close the County Mortgage thereon, with a



view of effecting an absolute sale of the interest of this County in the same, and to do all things necessary in the matter to secure the best interests of the County and the said road.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL MATTHEWS, *Chairman*,  
S. McCALL,  
J. B. HUTCHISON,  
JACOB SOVEREEN,  
PETER LAWSON.  
MOSES W. WHITE,  
WM. M. WILSON.

Committee Room, 22nd June, 1864.

Mr. Matthews brought up the report of the Special Committee.

No. 2: On motion of Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Hutchison,

*Ordered*,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz :—

“Your Committee to whom the above order was referred beg to report that they have carefully examined the subject matter of the same, and would respectfully recommend that Mr. Rae, the Immigrant Agent at Hamilton, be referred to the Reeves of the several Minor Municipalities for the information sought for in his communication; and that in reference to the communication on the subject of the encouragement of the Culture of Flax, your Committee respectfully recommend that the memorial accompanying this report be adopted, and the Warden authorized to sign the same, attach the corporate seal thereto, and transmit a copy to the Member of the County for presentation to the Legislature.

All of which is, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

DANIEL MATTHEWS, *Chairman*,  
W. MM. WILSON,  
J. B. HUTCHISON,  
JOHN BARBER,  
FINLAY STEINHOFF,  
JAMES L. GREEN,  
JACOB SOVEREEN.

Committee Room, 22nd June, 1864.

Mr. Lawson brought up the fifth report of the Committee on Finance and Assessments.

No. 3: On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Matthews,

*Ordered*,

That the said report be received and adopted, and the Warden is hereby authorized to draw his check on the County Treasurer in favour of Jacob Sovereign, Esquire, for the amount of eight dollars named therein.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:—

“Your Committee to whom the above order was referred, beg to report that they have carefully examined the subject matter thereof, and would respectfully recommend: That whereas Jacob Sovereign, Esquire, Commissioner appointed by this Council to expend a certain sum of money on the County road between Windham and Middleton, finding the amount granted inadequate to complete the bridge and approaches thereto, found it necessary to expend the sum of eight dollars over and above the grant of twenty dollars made by this Council for that purpose, would recommend that the said sum of eight dollars be repaid to the said Jacob Sovereign.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL MATTHEWS, *Chairman*,  
WM. M. WILSON,  
MOSES W. WHITE,  
J. B. HUTCHISON,  
JOHN BARBER,  
PETER LAWSON.

Committee Room, 22nd June, 1864.

Mr. Matthews brought up the sixth report of the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

No. 4: On motion of Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Lawson,

*Ordered*,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:—

“Your Committee to whom the order was referred, beg to report that they have carefully considered the subject and would respectfully recommend: That the matter be referred to the Building Committee, with instructions to erect lightning rods on the new Court House (if by them deemed expedient) as soon as the building is finished and given up by the contractors.”

All of which is, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

DANIEL MATTHEWS, *Chairman*,  
PETER LAWSON,  
WM. M. WILSON,  
J. B. HUTCHISON,  
MOSES W. WHITE.

Committee Room, 22nd June, 1864.

Mr. Lawson brought up the seventh report of the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

No. 5: On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Barber.

*Ordered*,

That the said report be received and adopted.



The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:—

“Your Committee to whom the above order was referred, beg to report that they have carefully examined the subject matter thereof, and would respectfully recommend: That the matter of furnishing the offices and rooms of the new Court House be referred to the Building Committee of the Court House, with instructions to advertise for Tenders for furnishing the following named offices and rooms, according to the specification submitted by John Turner, Esquire, viz.: the Offices of the Clerk of the Peace, Crown Attorney, Surrogate, County Clerk, Sheriff, the Grand Jurors, Judges, Crown Counsel, Witness, Petit Jurors Rooms, Council Chamber, County Council Committee Rooms, and the Judge's Chambers. The said furniture to be of such material as the said Committee shall decide upon. Also to procure the Royal Arms for the court room, flag for tower, window blinds and rollers, matting for passages and lettering the doors of the different rooms and offices. The whole amount of expenditure not to exceed the sum of eight hundred dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL MATTHEWS, *Chairman.*

PETER LAWSON,

JACOB SOVEREEN,

JOHN BARBER,

J. B. HUTCHISON,

MOSES W. WHITE.

Committee Room, 22nd June, 1864.”

No. 6: On motion of Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Holtby,

*Ordered,*

That the Warden be and he is hereby authorized to effect an Insurance against loss by fire, on the New Court House, in some responsible office or offices, so soon as the building is completed and accepted by the Building Committee.

No. 7: On motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Steinhoff,

*Ordered,*

That the County Surveyor do, as soon as possible, examine that portion of the Townline between the Townships of Townsend and Woodhouse, opposite Lots No. 10, 11 and 12, to establish the direct locality of the said Townline, to enable the path-master to expend the road labour in the proper place.

No. 8: On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Matthews,

*Ordered,*

That the notice given yesterday of the first reading of a By-Law to expend certain sums of money on certain County Roads, be extended until to-morrow.

No. 9: Mr. Matthews gives notice that he will on to-morrow introduce a bill to amend a certain By-Law of this Council, No. 37.

No. 10: On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Barber,

*Ordered,*

That this Council do now adjourn until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock,

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

*Attest,*

JAMES ERMATINGER,

*County Clerk, County of Norfolk.*

***THURSDAY, 23rd June, 1864; Fourth Day of the Second  
Regular Session of the 15th County Council.***

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following gentlemen answered to their names, viz.:—Messrs. The Warden, McCall, Johnson, White, Sovereign, Ostrander, Barber, Green, Hutchison, Holtby, Matthews, Snider, Lawson and Steinhoff.

The Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Mr. McCall brought up the report of the Committee on the Hamilton and Port Dover Plank Road.

No. 1: On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Barber,

*Ordered,*

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz.:—

“Your Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Government on the subject of the Hamilton and Port Dover Plank Road, having carefully considered the same, have come to the conclusion that it is not expedient for this County to purchase any part of the said Road; they therefore respectfully recommend that no action be taken by this Council on the matter.”

All of which, however, is nevertheless respectfully submitted.

DANIEL MATTHEWS, *Chairman,*  
J. B. HUTCHISON,  
PETER LAWSON,  
WM. M. WILSON,  
MOSES W. WHITE.

Committee Room, 23rd June, 1864.”

Mr. McCall brought up the report of the Committee of the whole, on the Equalization of the Assessment.



No. 2: On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Hutchison,

*Ordered,*

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz.:—

“Your Committee to whom was referred the Equalization of the Assessment of the Minor Municipalities for the current year, beg leave to report that the several Assessment Rolls for the Minor Municipalities be equalized for the current year as follows, viz.:—

	Assessed for 1864.	Equalization.
Charlotteville .....	\$689,667	\$720,000
Houghton .....	252,533	280,000
Middleton .....	312,906	335,000
Walsingham .....	639,165	720,000
Windham .....	739,600	720,000
Woodhouse .....	767,280	910,000
Townsend .....	965,425	1,150,000
Simcoe.....	352,000	360,000
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	\$4,718,576	\$5,195,000

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL MATTHEWS, *Chairman*,  
S. McCALL,  
J. B. HUTCHISON,  
J. JOHNSON,  
JACOB SOVEREEN,  
JOHN OSTRANDER,  
JOHN BARBER,  
MATTHIAS HOLTBY,  
GEORGE SNIDER,  
JAMES L. GREEN,  
PETER LAWSON,  
FINLAY STEINHOFF,

Committee Room, 23rd June, 1864.”

Mr. McCall brought up the eighth report of the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

No. 3: That the said report be received and adopted, and the By-Law introduced accordingly.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz.:—

“Your Committee on Finance and Assessment beg leave to report that they have duly considered and estimated the sum to be levied for General purposes at ten thousand nine hundred and ten dollars, and for Common School purposes the sum of three thousand one hundred and ninety dollars, which they have apportioned as follows among the Minor Municipalities in this County, viz.:—

	General Purposes.	Schools.	Total.
Charlotteville .....	\$1,512	\$417 .....	\$1,929
Houghton .....	588	234 .....	822
Middleton .....	704	348 .....	1,052
Walsingham .....	1,512	583 .....	2,095
Windham .....	1,512	476 .....	1,988
Woodhouse .....	1,911	443 .....	2,354
Townsend .....	2,415	689 .....	3,104
Simcoe .....	756	.....	756
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	\$10,910	\$3,190 .....	\$14,100

Making a total of fourteen thousand one hundred dollars for General and Common School purposes for the current year, and that they have accordingly prepared a By-Law to levy the same upon the several Minor Municipalities in this County, which By-Law they now beg leave to introduce.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL MATTHEWS, *Chairman.*

S. McCALL,

PETER LAWSON,

J. B. HUTCHISON,

JOHN BARBER,

MOSES W. WHITE,

JACOB SOVEREEN,

Committee Room, 25th June, 1864."

And the bill was read a first time.

No. 4: On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Hutchison,

*Ordered,*

That the bill to provide for the public service of this County be now read a second time.

And it was accordingly read a second time.

No. 5: On motion of Mr. McCall seconded by Mr. Hutchison,

*Ordered,*

That the bill to provide for the Public service of the County be engrossed and read a third time forthwith, and the bill was engrossed and read a third time.

No. 6: On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Barber.

*Ordered,*

That the bill to provide for the public service of this County do now pass, and be intituled as in the caption thereof.

And the By-Law was passed, and is as follows, viz. :—



## BY-LAW No. 119.

*To make provision for the Public Service of the County of Norfolk for the year 1864.*

Passed on the 23rd day of June, 1864.

WHEREAS it is necessary to provide ways and means for defraying the expenses of the Public Service of this County for the current year; and whereas it appears that the sum of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten Dollars is required for the administration of the Public Service, and the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Dollars for Common School purposes.

I.—Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Corporation of the County of Norfolk, that there shall be raised, levied and collected for the general purposes of this County, the sum of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten Dollars; and for Educational purposes the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Dollars, making together the sum of Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Dollars.

II.—Be it further enacted by the Municipal Corporation aforesaid, that the sum of Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Dollars, shall be and the same is hereby apportioned and ordered to be levied, raised and collected, in and from the Minor Municipalities of this County, and paid over to the Treasurer of the County, on or before the Fourteenth day of December next, in the proportions following, that is to say:—

*The Township of Charlotteville.*—For General purposes, the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred and Twelve Dollars; and for Educational purposes, the sum of Four Hundred and Seventeen Dollars.

*The Township of Houghton.*—For General purposes, the sum of Five Hundred and Eighty-eight Dollars; and for Educational purposes, the sum of Two Hundred and Thirty-four Dollars.

*The Township of Middleton.*—For General purposes, the sum of Seven Hundred and Four Dollars; and for Educational purposes, the sum of Three Hundred and Forty-eight Dollars.

*The Township of Walsingham.*—For General purposes, the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred and Twelve Dollars; and for Educational purposes, the sum of Five Hundred and Eighty-three Dollars.

*The Township of Windham.*—For General purposes, the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred and Twelve Dollars; and for Educational purposes, the sum of Four Hundred and Seventy-six Dollars.

*The Township of Woodhouse.*—For General purposes, the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven Dollars; and for Educational purposes, the sum of Four Hundred and Forty-three Dollars.

*The Township of Townsend.*—For General purposes, the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred and Fifteen Dollars; and for Educational purposes, the sum of Six Hundred and Eighty-nine Dollars.

*The Town of Simcoe.*—For General purposes, the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty-six Dollars.

III.—And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the several sums hereinbefore recited for General and Educational purposes for the current year, shall be collected and paid by the Treasurers of the several Minor Municipalities of this County, in the proportions mentioned and set forth in the next preceding section of this By-Law, to the Treasurer of this County, on or before the Fourteenth day of December, 1864.

Passed in open Council, on Thursday, the 23rd day of June, 1864.

[Signed]

WM. M. WILSON,

Warden.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,

*County Clerk, County of Norfolk.*



Mr. Lawson brought up the ninth report of the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

No. 7: On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Sovereën,

*Ordered,*

That the said report be received and adopted, and the Warden be authorized to draw his check on the County Treasurer in favour of the persons entitled to receive the same, as it becomes due.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:—

“The Committee to whom has been referred the matter relating to John Bloomfield, a pensioner upon the bounty of this County, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and would recommend that the amount allowed for the support of the said John Bloomfield be increased, and that in future the sum of six dollars per month be allowed and paid for his support and maintenance, instead of the sum of four dollars per month, formerly granted.

DANIEL MATTHEWS, *Chairman*,  
 PETER LAWSON,  
 JACOB SOVEREËN,  
 J. B. HUTCHISON,  
 JOHN BARBER,  
 MOSES W. WHITE,  
 WM. M. WILSON.

Committee Room, 23rd June, 1864.”

Mr. Matthews brought up the tenth report of the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

No. 8: On motion of Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. McCall,

*Ordered,*

That the said report be received and adopted, and that leave be granted to introduce a Bill in accordance therewith, and that the twenty-fourth rule of this Council be suspended so far as it relates to this motion.



The report read and adopted is as follows, viz. :—

“Your Committee to whom the above order was referred, beg to report that they have carefully considered the subject matter of the same, and would respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petition be so far granted that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated out of the County funds, to be expended on the road leading to Port Ryerse from Brown’s Tavern, and that Mr. John S. Austin and David Sharp be appointed Commissioners to expend the same.

All of which is, nevertheless, respectfully submitted,

DANIEL MATTEWS, *Chairman.*  
WM. M. WILSON,  
J. B. HUTCHISON,  
S. McCALL,  
JACOB SOVEREEN,  
JOHN BARBER,  
MOSES W. WHITE.

Committee Room, 23rd June, 1864.”

Mr. McCall brought up the eleventh report of the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

No. 9: On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Sovereign,

*Ordered,*

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz. :—

“Your Committee to whom was referred the communication of Captain Tisdale, on the subject of an appropriation for the erection of a Drill Shed in the town of Simcoe, having carefully considered the same, do respectfully recommend that no action be taken on the subject during the present Session, but that the further consideration of the whole subject be laid over until the next Session of this Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL MATTHEWS, *Chairman.*  
WM. W. WILSON,  
J. B. HUTCHISON,  
PETER LAWSON,  
JOHN BARBER,  
JACOB SOVEREEN,  
MOSES W. WHITE.

Committee Room, 23rd July, 1864.”

No. 10: On motion of Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Snider,

*Ordered,*

That pursuant to notice, leave be granted to introduce a bill to appropriate certain sums of money on certain public roads.

And the bill was read a first time.

No. 11: On motion of Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Ostrander,

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time forthwith, and the bill was accordingly read a second time.

No. 12: On motion of Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Johnson,

*Ordered.*

That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, forthwith.

And it was engrossed and read a third time.

No. 13: On motion of Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Steinhoff,

*Ordered;*

That the said bill do now pass finally and become a By-Law of this Council, and be intituled as in the caption thereof.

And the By-Law was passed, and is as follows, viz.:

#### BY-LAW, No. 120.

*A By-Law to appropriate certain sums of money on certain County Roads.*

Passed on the 23rd day of June, 1864.

WHEREAS it is expedient and necessary to expend certain sums of money for the improvement of certain County roads hereinafter mentioned.

I.—Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Corporation of the County of Norfolk in Council assembled, that the sum of seventy-five dollars be appropriated out of the funds of the County, to be expended on the County road lying between the Townships of Townsend and Walpole, fifteen dollars of which, to be expended in drainage of the said road between the Fifth and Sixth Concessions of the Township of Townsend, and the balance, sixty dollars, in ditching and grading the County road opposite the Seventh and Eighth Concessions of the said Township of Townsend. Provided always that the said grant shall not be expended until a similar By-Law shall have been passed by the County of Haldimand, granting a like amount, and that James A. Townsend and Dunham Hazleton, Esquires, are hereby appointed Commissioners to expend the same.

II.—Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the sum of sixteen dollars and fifty cents be hereby appropriated out of the funds of this County, to be expended on the County line between the Townships of Woodhouse and Walpole, to meet a similar grant made by the County of Haldimand, opposite Ward number One of Walpole, and that H. B. Harding, Esquire, is hereby appointed Commissioner to expend the same.

III.—Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the sum of Sixty Dollars is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the County, to be expended in improving the hill on the Townline between the Townships of Townsend and



Woodhouse, opposite Lot number One of the Township of Townsend, and that Finlay Steinhoff and Daniel McIntosh, Esquires, are hereby appointed Commissioners to expend the same.

IV.—Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated out of the County funds to be expended on the County road leading to Port Ryerse, from Brown's Tavern, and that David Sharp and John Austin, Esquires, be hereby appointed Commissioners to expend the same.

V.—And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Warden be and he is hereby authorized to draw his cheque on the County Treasurer for the several amounts hereby appropriated, in favor of the parties holding the certificates of the several Commissioners that the work has been duly performed. And that the said Commissioners do report to this Council.

Passed on Thursday, 23rd day of June, 1864.

[Signed]

WM. M. WILSON,

Warden.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,



*County Clerk, County of Norfolk.*

No. 14: On motion of Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Green,

*Ordered,*

That the petition of William Long be referred to a Committee of the whole Council, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

The Council having gone into Committee of the whole, reported progress.

No. 15: On motion of Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Holtby,

*Ordered,*

That the report now read be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows:—

“Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Long, beg to report that they have carefully considered the subject matter of the same, and would respectfully recommend that no action be taken thereon, as it is the opinion of this Committee that the Council has no authority to make appropriations of this nature out of the County funds, although at the same time your Committee sympathize with the petitioner in his misfortune.

All of which is, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

DANIEL MATTHEWS, *Chairman.*

June 23rd, 1864.”

No. 16: On motion of Mr. Hutchison, seconded by Mr. Sovereign,

*Ordered,*

That the Auditors report be received and adopted, and the Warden be and he is hereby authorized to draw his cheques for the several amounts allowed to the persons named therein respectively, except the item of four dollars for coffin for O. W. Stevens.

No. 17: On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Hutchison,

*Ordered,*

That this Council do now adjourn until the third Monday of December next.

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,

*County Clerk, County of Norfolk.*











